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ICCAT CIRCULAR # 795/08**SUBJECT: Monthly catch reports of Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna**

I have the honour to refer to paragraph 42 of the Recommendation by ICCAT to Establish a Multi-Annual Recovery Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the East Atlantic and Mediterranean and to inform you of the aggregated catch statistics received to date for 2008, which are shown in the table below.

CPC	Closed	catch (kg)	Period/ months	% of initial quota	initial quota (kg)
Algeria				0.00	1,460,040
China				0.00	63,550
Croatia		6,286	Jan-Mar	0.75	833,080
EC		110,690	Jan-Mar	0.68	16,210,750
Iceland				0.00	51,530
Japan		211,900	Jan	8.72	2,430,540
Korea				0.00	171,770
Libya				0.00	1,236,740
Maroc		340	March	0.01	2,728,560
Norway	BFT fishery prohibited 2008			0.00	51,530
Syria				0.00	51,530
Tunisia		134,660	Jan -Feb-Apr	5.97	2,254,480
Turkey		122,030	Jan-Mar-Apr	13.75	887,190
Chinese Taipei				0.00	68,710
TOTAL		585,906		2.06	28,500,000

NOTE: Percentages of initial quotas are based on initial base quota as per 06-05 and do not take into account the adjusted quotas arising from possible carry overs of underharvest from previous years. Percentages of adjusted quotas may differ.

Yours sincerely,

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